

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 7–10, 3489–3493, and S. Res. 627–628. **Pages S6664–65**

Measures Reported:

S. 3084, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–389)

S. 2201, to promote international trade, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6663**

Measures Passed:

Iran Sanctions Extension Act: By a unanimous vote of 99 yeas (Vote No. 155), Senate passed H.R. 6297, to reauthorize the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996.

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Anti-Semitism Awareness Act: Senate passed S. 10, to provide for the consideration of a definition of anti-Semitism for the enforcement of Federal anti-discrimination laws concerning education programs or activities.

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Metropolitan Weather Hazards Protection Act: Senate passed S. 2058, to require the Secretary of Commerce to study the coverage gaps of the Next Generation Weather Radar of the National Weather Service and to develop a plan for improving radar coverage and hazardous weather detection and forecasting, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Sullivan (for Burr/Cantwell) Amendment No. 5123, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S6679–80**

Sullivan (for Burr) Amendment No. 5124, to amend the title. **Page S6680**

Airport Construction and Alteration Reform Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Trans-

portation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 6014, to allow the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to enter into reimbursable agreements for certain airport projects, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6680**

Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1561, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research through a focused program of investment on affordable and attainable advances in observational, computing, and modeling capabilities to support substantial improvement in weather forecasting and prediction of high impact weather events, to expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and the bill was then passed, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6680**

Adopted:

Sullivan (for Cantwell) Amendment No. 5126 (to the language proposed by Amendment No. 5125), to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Page S6680**

Sullivan (for Thune/Nelson) Amendment No. 5125, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6680**

Honoring the Memories of the Law Enforcement Officers in Baton Rouge: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 606, honoring the memories and legacies of the 3 law enforcement officers who lost their lives in the attack on July 17, 2016, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, condemning that attack, and recognizing the heroism of law enforcement personnel and first responders, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S6680**

Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic: Senate passed S. 3492, to designate the Traverse City VA

Community-Based Outpatient Clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Traverse City, Michigan, as the “Colonel Demas T. Craw VA Clinic”.

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National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 627, designating December 3, 2016, as “National Phenylketonuria Awareness Day”.

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Authorizing the Printing of the Senate Rules and Manual: Senate agreed to S. Res. 628, authorizing the printing of a revised edition of the Senate Rules and Manual.

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House Messages:

Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 34, to authorize and strengthen the tsunami detection, forecast, warning, research, and mitigation program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill.

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McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5117, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5118 (to Amendment No. 5117), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 5119, to change the enactment date.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5120 (to the instructions (Amendment No. 5119) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature.

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McConnell Amendment No. 5121 (to Amendment No. 5120), of a perfecting nature.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, December 1, 2016, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, December 5, 2016.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, December 5, 2016, Senate resume consideration of the message of the House to accompany the bill; and

that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments under rule XXII be at 4 p.m.

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Justice for All Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2577, to protect crime victims’ rights, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA and other forensic evidence samples to improve and expand the forensic science testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of forensic evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to support accreditation efforts of forensic science laboratories and medical examiner offices, to address training and equipment needs, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases.

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S6679**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S6679**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—155) **Page S6646**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:07 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, December 5, 2016. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6681.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 2,385 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

LITTORAL COMBAT SHIP

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the oversight, acquisition, testing, and employment of the Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) and LCS mission module programs, after receiving testimony from J. Michael Gilmore, Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, Sean J. Stackley,

Assistant Secretary for Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy, Vice Admiral Thomas S. Rowden, USN, Commander, Naval Surface Forces, and Commander, Naval Surface Force, Pacific Fleet, all of the Department of Defense; and Paul L. Francis, Managing Director of Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Charles P. Blahous, III, of Maryland, and Robert D. Reischauer, of Maryland, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, and a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund.

COUNTER-TERRORISM STRATEGY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of counter-terrorism

strategy, after receiving testimony from Juan C. Zarate, Financial Integrity Network, Washington, D.C.; and Daniel Benjamin, Dartmouth University John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Hanover, New Hampshire.

RENEWABLE FUEL STANDARD

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs and Federal Management concluded a hearing to examine two Government Accountability Office reports regarding the renewable fuel standard, after receiving testimony from Frank Rusco, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 6415–6423; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 104; and H. Con. Res. 177–178 were introduced.

Pages H7118–19

Additional Cosponsors: Page H7119

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bost to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H7061

Recess: The House recessed at 10:49 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. Page H7066

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H.R. 6392 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

Page H7074

Unanimous Consent Agreement: Agreed by unanimous consent that the question of adopting a motion to recommit on H. Res. 933 may be subject to postponement as though under clause 8 of rule 20.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:54 p.m. and reconvened at 5:10 p.m. Page H7096

Providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce: The House agreed to H. Res. 933, providing amounts for further expenses of the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the One Hundred Fourteenth Congress, by a recorded vote of 234 ayes to 181 noes, Roll No. 595, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 177 nays, Roll No. 594. Pages H7086–95, H7096–97

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017—Rule for consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 937, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (S. 2943) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a recorded vote of 277 ayes to 139 noes, Roll No. 597, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 596. Pages H7069–74, H7097–98

Systemic Risk Designation Improvement Act of 2016: The House passed H.R. 6392, to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to specify when bank holding companies may be subject to certain enhanced supervision, by a yea-and-nay vote of 254 yeas to 161 nays, Roll No. 599.

Pages H7074–86, H7098–H7100

Rejected the Maxine Waters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 178 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 598.

Pages H7084–86, H7098–99

Agreed to:

Davidson amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 114–839) that prohibits the use of international standards not specifically provided in the bill.

Pages H7083–84

H. Res. 934, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 34) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6392) was agreed to yesterday, November 30th.

Protection of the Right of Tribes to stop the Export of Cultural and Traditional Patrimony Resolution: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendments to H. Con. Res. 122, supporting efforts to stop the theft, illegal possession or sale, transfer, and export of tribal cultural items of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians in the United States and internationally.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7069 and H7096.

Senate Referrals: S. 2971 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. S. 3183 was held at the desk. S. 3386 was held at the desk.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7096, H7097, H7097–98, H7098, H7098–99, H7099–H7100. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FORCE MANAGEMENT LEVELS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN; READINESS AND STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Force Management Levels in Iraq and Afghanistan;

Readiness and Strategic Considerations”. Testimony was heard from Cary B. Russell, Director, Military Operations and Warfighter Support, Government Accountability Office; General Carter Ham, U.S. Army (Retired); and Lieutenant General Jim Dubik, U.S. Army (Retired).

EXAMINING SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND GENDER DISCRIMINATION AT THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Sexual Harassment and Gender Discrimination at the U.S. Department of Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture officials: Joe Leonard, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; Lenise Lago, Deputy Chief, Business Operations, U.S. Forest Service; and Denise Rice, Fire Prevention Technician, Region 5 Eldorado National Forest, U.S. Forest Service; and a public witness.

RESTORING THE POWER OF THE PURSE: LEGISLATIVE OPTIONS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Health Care, Benefits and Administrative Rules, held a joint hearing entitled “Restoring the Power of the Purse: Legislative Options”. Testimony was heard from Heather Krause, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting to consider an access request. The request for access was granted. The committee also adopted its Activity Report for the 114th Congress. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Operations; and Subcommittee on Transportation and Public Assets, joint hearing entitled “A SafeTrack?: Oversight of WMATA's Safety and Maintenance”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through November 30, 2016

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	151	117	..
Time in session	723 hrs., 42'	592 hrs., 15'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,628	7,059	..
Extensions of Remarks	..	1,556	..
Public bills enacted into law	47	86	133
Private bills enacted into law	..	..	..
Bills in conference	3	3	..
Measures passed, total	404	597	1,001
Senate bills	81	58	..
House bills	94	415	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	12	7	..
House concurrent resolutions	12	24	..
Simple resolutions	203	91	..
Measures reported, total	*296	452	748
Senate bills	218	10	..
House bills	45	372	..
Senate joint resolutions	..	..	..
House joint resolutions	..	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	..	5	..
Simple resolutions	29	63	..
Special reports	10	4	..
Conference reports	2	3	..
Measures pending on calendar	453	117	..
Measures introduced, total	1,385	2,562	3,947
Bills	1,057	2,102	..
Joint resolutions	13	24	..
Concurrent resolutions	31	71	..
Simple resolutions	284	365	..
Quorum calls	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	154	251	..
Recorded votes	..	341	..
Bills vetoed	2	3	..
Vetoed overridden	1	1	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through November 30, 2016

Civilian nominations, totaling 350 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	82
Unconfirmed	256
Withdrawn	12
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 2,412 (including 97 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,401
Unconfirmed	1,010
Withdrawn	1
Air Force nominations, totaling 7,505 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,407
Unconfirmed	2,098
Army nominations, totaling 5,894 (including 1,740 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,646
Unconfirmed	248
Navy nominations, totaling 4,408 (including 5 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	4,338
Unconfirmed	68
Withdrawn	2
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,246 (including 3 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,243
Unconfirmed	3
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	2,207
Total nominations received this Session	19,608
Total confirmed	18,117
Total unconfirmed	3,683
Total withdrawn	15
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 189 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 459 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, December 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, December 2

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the message of the House to accompany H.R. 34, Tsunami Warning, Education, and Research Act (the legislative vehicle for 21st Century Cures Act), and vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill at 5:30 p.m. The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the message of the House to accompany the bill is at 4 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the conference report to accompany S. 2943—National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017.

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